



Press Release

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To try to answer questions of our residents in a timely manner regarding Lamuth Middle School and today's "bomb threat".

Today there was a note scratched into a bathroom wall stating "I have a bomb" that was discovered by one of the students at *Henry F Lamuth Middle School* on Auburn Rd. in Painesville Township. The school contacted the Sheriff's Office and we responded, along with the school resource officer (SRO). We did not find the threat to be credible. However, after speaking with the school administration it was determined that the students would be moved to the Riverside Community Field House located at Riverside High School. A Deputy Sheriff with a bomb dog was sent by the Geauga County Sheriff's and is searching the school as a precautionary measure. Once the school is cleared, and the children are fed at the field house, they will be returned to *Henry F Lamuth Middle School*. NO children are being sent home and all should be back in school shortly after lunch today.

We highly recommend, given the recent rash of "bombing" threats at our area schools, that every parent speak directly with their children who are in school, and explain to them the seriousness of such bomb threats, the impact they have not only on the school, but on the fears of parents as well, and equally the pulling of needed law enforcement and other safety resources away from their other duties of ensuring the safety and security of the community. It is hard enough today to often get adults to see the repercussions of what they say, text, or do, let alone to expect young children to see such repercussions. What they see as a harmless prank in their young minds could be nothing farther from the truth. In the 1960's and 1970's people would have laughed off the prank and went on with the day. Given all of the changes in our world and the great liability we face in schools, business, and government, such "pranks" can never be easily ignored or second guessed. Whether your children are in grade school or high school, please take a moment to speak with them on this issue. They are our greatest resource in stopping such threat. Possibly it will prevent the next "bomb threat",

or at least provide them with important information to possibly stop a friend from making such threat.

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